13th August 1929]

Co-operative Societies

Opening of a land mortgage bank in Kurnool.

* 371 Q.—Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state, with reference to the report of the Registrar of Co-operative Societies placed on the table in reply to question No. 1412 answered on 25th February 1929, whether he will call for a copy of the telegram mentioned in reason (*e*) of the report and place it on the table?

A.—A copy of the telegram [a] referred to is appended.

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I know from the hon. the Development Minister whether in view of the copy of the telegram given in the Appendix, that there is enthusiasm on the part of the people for a land mortgage bank, he will reinvestigate the prospect of a land mortgage bank at Kurnool?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"There seems to be difference of opinion between the people of the locality and the Registrar of Co-operative Societies and the Registrar thinks that we cannot establish a land mortgage bank there."

Mr. G. Harisarvottama Rao:—"May I ask the hon. Minister whether he will examine the second sentence of the telegram?"

The hon. Mr. M. R. Seturatnam Ayyar:—"Yes, Sir."

Fisheries

Working of fishermen Co-operative Societies in Malabar.

* 372 Q.—Mr. A. B. Shetty: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to call for a detailed report on the working of two fishermen co-operative societies in Malabar to which the Government have given loans for the purchase of boats and nets and place it on the table of the House?

A.—A short account of the working of the two societies in question is given in Part I, section 7 (B) of the Administration Report of the Fisheries Department for the year 1927–28. The Director has been asked to deal with the working of these two societies in detail in the annual report for 1928–29 which is due with Government in September 1929.

Public Works.

Alleged defects in the iron fencing on the side pathways over the Cauvery bridge.

* 373 Q.—Mr. U. Ramaswami Ayyar: Will the hon. the Minister for Development be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether his attention was drawn to the fact that the iron fencings for the side pathways over the newly constructed Cauvery bridge in Trichinopoly is too low and a child in the arms of a woman while passing over the footpath slipped in the river and died last month; and

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[a] Printed as Appendix I on page 771 infra.